

REMARKS

The Examiner has stated that the amendment filed on March 3, 2003 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c). The cited claims are cancelled herein and new claims 154-160 are provided, therefore rendering the non-compliance of these amendments of March 3, 2003 moot. It is believed that no new matter is added in the new claims. The amendments are made solely to promote prosecution without prejudice or disclaimer of any previously claimed subject matter. With respect to all amendments and canceled claims, Applicants have not dedicated or abandoned any unclaimed subject matter and moreover have not acquiesced to any rejections and/or objections made by the Patent Office. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue prosecution of any presently excluded subject matter or claim embodiments in one or more future applications. Claims 154-160 are presently pending.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 549172000112. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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